

# Here's a Story

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## Theme and Purpose

This light-hearted sketch tells the story of blending a family through parodies of TV theme songs. It speaks to unrealistic expectations that we often gather from popular culture about love and life. It also speaks to how God can help us order our lives. But even with God's guidance life is often messy and included the unexpected, as illustrated with the twist at the end.

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<b>Cast list</b>	1 Man 1 Woman 6 Girls (could be women made up as girls) If you can't get enough girls, you can use a few boys and change lyrics to say "kids" or "children" 2-3 Singers (at least 1 man and 1 woman)
<b>Approximate Running Time</b>	6 minutes
<b>Scene Description</b>	Scene takes place at home. Set is decorated minimally.
<b>Prop List</b>	Stools for singers (optional) Apron, three lunchboxes Cell phone, hair scrunchy, hand mirrors. Couch Sweaters, bracelets, etc. for girls. Realty magazine 2-3 pair of sunglasses Promotional card or flyer from church Cardigan 2-3 suitcases Travel magazine Partially-knitted baby sweater or booties
<b>Other Production Notes</b>	Singers are positioned at stage right or stage left with action taking place at center stage and on opposite side of stage. While the singers sing the theme songs, the actors pantomime the action to tell the story. Songs can be sung as solos, alternating solos, or duets. A few suggestions are noted.
<b>Related Scriptures</b>	Scriptures

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Song 1 (Sung to the theme of The Brady Bunch)

(Mom in apron and daughters at center stage  
pantomime girls being sent off to school.  
Mom gives each a lunchbox. Each daughter  
give Mom an adoring hug.)

Here's a story, of a lovely lady, who was bringing up three  
girls so properly.

They had make-overs and slumber parties, a lovely brood to  
see.

(Dad rushes in, talking on a cell phone,  
followed by three girls arguing with each  
other and trying to get his attention. He  
tries to put a hair scrunchy on one with  
disappointing results. The girls storm off.)

Here's a story, of a man named Jimmy, who was busy with  
three girls by his side.

He tried to help them with their hair and make-up, the  
girls were mortified.

(Mom and Dad spot each other and fall  
instantly in love. They rush together. The  
girls rush back, carrying empty picture  
frames, including two for Mom and Dad and  
one with a picture of Alice from The Brady  
Bunch. They all position themselves in a  
Brady Bunch Tic-Tac-Toe pattern by having  
three sit on the floor in front of couch,  
Mom and Dad sit on couch and hold Alice, and  
three stand behind couch.)

Til the one day when this fellow met this lady, and  
immediately he fell head over heels.

So these two decided to join forces. So now they know just  
how a blended family feels.

Blended family. Blended family. Now they know just how a  
blended family feels.

*Song 2 (Sung to the theme of The Love Boat)*

(The girls exit. Mom loses apron, and has swanky clothes on underneath it. Dad slips on a sports jacket. They stand cheek-to-cheek like in an old movie. The girl with the poorly placed scrunchy enters, and Mom fixes it.)

(sung by man) Love, exciting and new.

(sung by woman) Now there's a man around.

(sung by man) And help with the girls, too.

(Mom and Dad hold hands and walk downstage, smiling.)

Love, let's walk hand in hand.

As we face the future.

(duet) Life will be grand.

(The girls enter, they share sweaters and bracelets. Everything is fine.)

(duet) A love song, blending two families into one

(duet) This love song, our crew of eight will have so much fun

(Mom pulls out a realty magazine. Dad first looks sick but recovers. They all look up toward the future with tremendous optimism.)

So we need a big house now.

An eight-passenger van now.

But with love, we don't really mind.

We'll smile through, things are always fine.

It's love.....Welcome Home it's Love.

*Song 3 (Sung to the theme of Cheers)*

(Girls begin to fight, grabbing back the sweaters and bracelets they just shared. They turn complaining to Mom and Dad who look at each other with dismay.)

Makin' your way in a family sure can be a grind.  
Arguments over parenting, TV, money, bathroom time.  
The blended family just won't blend

(Mom and Dad try to step away to be together. The girls pull them back in and apart from each other. Soon everybody is mad at everybody else.)

And the fighting just won't end  
Where everybody knows your name  
And you're always being blamed  
Sometimes you don't know where to turn  
You're about to go insane.  
You hate to be where everybody knows your name.  
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*Song 4 (Sung to the theme of Friends)*

(In intro to song a couple girls put on sunglasses play air guitar to the music.)

(Dad pulls out a promotional card or flyer from your church that audience might recognize. Dad claps his hands to get their attention for the handclap in the Friends theme.)

So someone asked you to a church that's down the street.

(The kids protest, stomping feet for the second handclap in the Friends theme.)

The kids they rolled their eyes, they sighed, they stomped their feet.

(Everyone turns around in unison and now they look pleased. Girls start making up with each other. Mom and Dad draw close.)

But still you went and everyone's surprised.

And things started getting better right before your eyes.

God is there for you giving you peace of mind.

God is there for you with friends who're free with their time.

God is there for you. Are you there for Him, too?

*Song 5 (Sung to the theme of Facts of Life)*

(Dad exchanges sports jacket for cardigan. A couple girls grab suitcases and hug parents goodbye. Other girls exit.)

So life goes on, we do our best.

The kids grow up, an empty nest

The Facts of Life, the Facts of Life.

(Mom and Dad relax together on couch. Dad looks at a travel magazine. Mom knits.)

It's time for just the two of us.

Relax and travel is a must.

The Facts of Life, the Facts of Life.

(Mom hold up knitting to reveal a baby sweater or booties. Dad is shocked.)

But now we're adding a bundle of joy.

The ultrasound says it will be a boy.

The crazy things we're finding out

The Facts of Life will happen to you.

The Facts of Life will happen to you.

(Girls return, fussing over Mom and Dad.)

And now our blended family,

Is starting our own family tree.

And we're learning the facts of life,

Learning the facts of life.

*Fade to black*

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